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See attached Preliminary Amendment for entry. Thanks.

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				Art Unit 3732	
Applicant(s): Dennis McDevitt, Jeffrey Halbrecht, and Richard Caspari					
Invention: SELF-LOCKING SUTURE ANCHOR					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

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Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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